



Mrs. Willie Mae Stuart

December 20, 1927 - September 2, 2008

Mrs. Willie Mae ("Bill") Stuart passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2008 with her family at her side at Bronson Methodist Hospital, in Kalamazoo, MI from complications after undergoing bypass heart surgery. She was born December 20, 1927 in Eudora, Arkansas, the daughter of the late Rev. Joseph H. Covington and Mattie P. Covington. Willie attended Yerger High School, in Hope, Arkansas. She married her childhood sweetheart, Lee Wilson Stuart, Sr., on June 4, 1946 and just celebrated their 62nd anniversary. To this union were born eight children. She was a dedicated, faithful and loyal member of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church for 55 years. There she served on many committees, boards and the Matrons Club. Willie Mae received many community service awards, which were featured in the local newspaper, the Kalamazoo Gazette. She worked on the voting poll as Senior-Chair for 20 years. She served as President for the Northside Neighborhood Watch and worked closely with NACD Board. She will always be remembered for her many years of fashion modeling for the Church and Ecumenical Senior Center. She was the star and top model, because she always added a little pizzazz. She retired from Bronson Methodist Hospital on February 1, 1986, after 22 years of service. Willie ("Bill") never met a stranger and was everyone's Mama. She will be surely missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 sisters, Esther Mae Jackson, Bertha Covington, Tommie Lee Harris and a son, Teddy R. Stuart.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, Lee, her children, Lee W. Stuart, Jr., of Kalamazoo, MI; Roslyn L. Banks, of Ann Arbor, MI; Charline Y. Nelson, of Battle Creek, MI; Freddie J. Stuart, of Detroit, MI; Karen R. Davis-Howard (Phillip), of Covington, GA; Cynthia Davis, of Westland, MI; Cecelia Stuart, of Sterling Heights, MI; one brother, Eura Lee Covington (Theo), of Texarkana, TX; 2 sisters, Doris M. Turner (Hoover), of Kalamazoo, MI and Josephine Taylor, (Johnnie), of Detroit, MI; 15 grandchildren, Anthony J.P. Stuart (Pamela), Angela Birdsong (Troy), Antwan Stuart (Christine), Aaron Lee Stuart, Sr. (Shelley), Freddie Howell, Kevin Howell, Kenneth Alexander, Shamu Martin, Juwan Stuart, Tijuana Connors (Clarence), Damon Peterson, Ebony Stuart, Dalson Davis, Terrance Lee Davis and Marcus Davis; 29 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many special girlfriends and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

SEP 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Allen Chapel AME Church
804 W North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willie Mae Stuart*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Willie Mae Stuart*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *I miss you so much! I miss our daily talks! We were more than mother and daughter...Best friends! You taught me so much! How to love especially myself...I know you are with God and He loves you more...You are not suffering any more...Miss you mom...oxoxoxo Roslyn###imported-begin###roslyn I banks###imported-end##*

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“ *MRS. STUART WILL TRUELY BE MISSED ON KROM STREET. MY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.###imported-begin###GEORGIA KAY WILLIAMS###imported-end##*

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“ *We will continue to lift the family in prayer during this time of transition. May God bless and keep you.###imported-begin###Jason and Ebony Robinson###imported-end##*

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“ *To the Stuart family. Please know that we feel you loss in a mother, wife, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. We looked forward to seeing Mrs. Stuart whenever we returned to Allen Chapel and the times she came to Battle Creek. Her humor will definitely be missed. May God bless you in your time of sorrow and may his peace, grace and love keep you comforted in the days to come. Blessings.###imported-begin###Rev. Amos & Barbara Chester###imported-end##*

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